

# BINGHAMTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2006 ANNUAL REPORT



**STEVEN R. TRONOVITCH**  
**CHIEF OF POLICE**



**MATTHEW T. RYAN**  
**MAYOR**



Honorable Matthew T. Ryan  
Mayor of Binghamton  
City Hall  
Binghamton, NY 13901

Dear Mayor Ryan,

The annual report for 2006 from the Binghamton Police Department is respectfully submitted.

The information and statistics included in his report are indicative of the outstanding dedication and performance of the employees of the Binghamton Police Department. You can be assured that the members of the police department will continue to work diligently to ensure a safe and secure city for the residents of Binghamton. It is the primary objective of the police department to work hand and hand with the community to make the City of Binghamton a better place to live, work, visit and conduct business.

We are appreciative and thankful for the support that the department receives from your administration.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Tronovitch  
Chief of Police



# *Binghamton Police Department*

## *Mission Statement*

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*To enhance the quality of life in the City of Binghamton through progressive police service in partnership with the community.*

## *Vision Statement*

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*The finest people providing the best police services for our community.*

## *Value Statement*

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<i>Fairness:</i>	<i>Maintaining Impartiality &amp; Objectivity</i>
<i>Integrity:</i>	<i>Adhering to the Highest Level of Ethics &amp; Honesty</i>
<i>Respect:</i>	<i>Demonstrating Understanding &amp; Sensitivity to All</i>
<i>Service:</i>	<i>Always Putting Others Before Self</i>
<i>Trust:</i>	<i>Belief in the Community &amp; Each Other for the Common Good</i>

## **ABOUT US**

Binghamton is a city located in upstate New York, and is the county seat of Broome County. The population of the City of Binghamton, according to the 2000 census, is 47,380. Binghamton is located at the confluence of the Chenango and Susquehanna rivers. The city is at the crossroads of three major highways, NYS Rt. 81 and 17, as well as Interstate 86.

Binghamton is often referred to as the “Carousel Capitol of the World”, with six antique carousels in the region.

The Greater Binghamton Area consists of approximately 252,000 residents in Broome and Tioga counties.

The Binghamton Police Department was founded in 1867. The Department currently has 146 sworn officers and 10 civilian employees. The Department has several divisions including, the Detective Division, the Special Investigations Unit, the Traffic Unit, the Juvenile Unit, the Identification Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, the Warrant Unit and the Patrol Division. The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Binghamton Police Department, composed of 75 officers and 15 Supervisors.

The Binghamton Police became a New York State Accredited Police Department in 1995, meeting the 144 standards set forth by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Public Safety.







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## **SWORN PERSONNEL**

<b><u>RANK</u></b>	<b><u>PERSONNEL</u></b>
Chief of Police	1
Assistant Chief of Police	2
Captain	5
Lieutenant	5
Sergeant	19
Patrolman	114
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146</b>

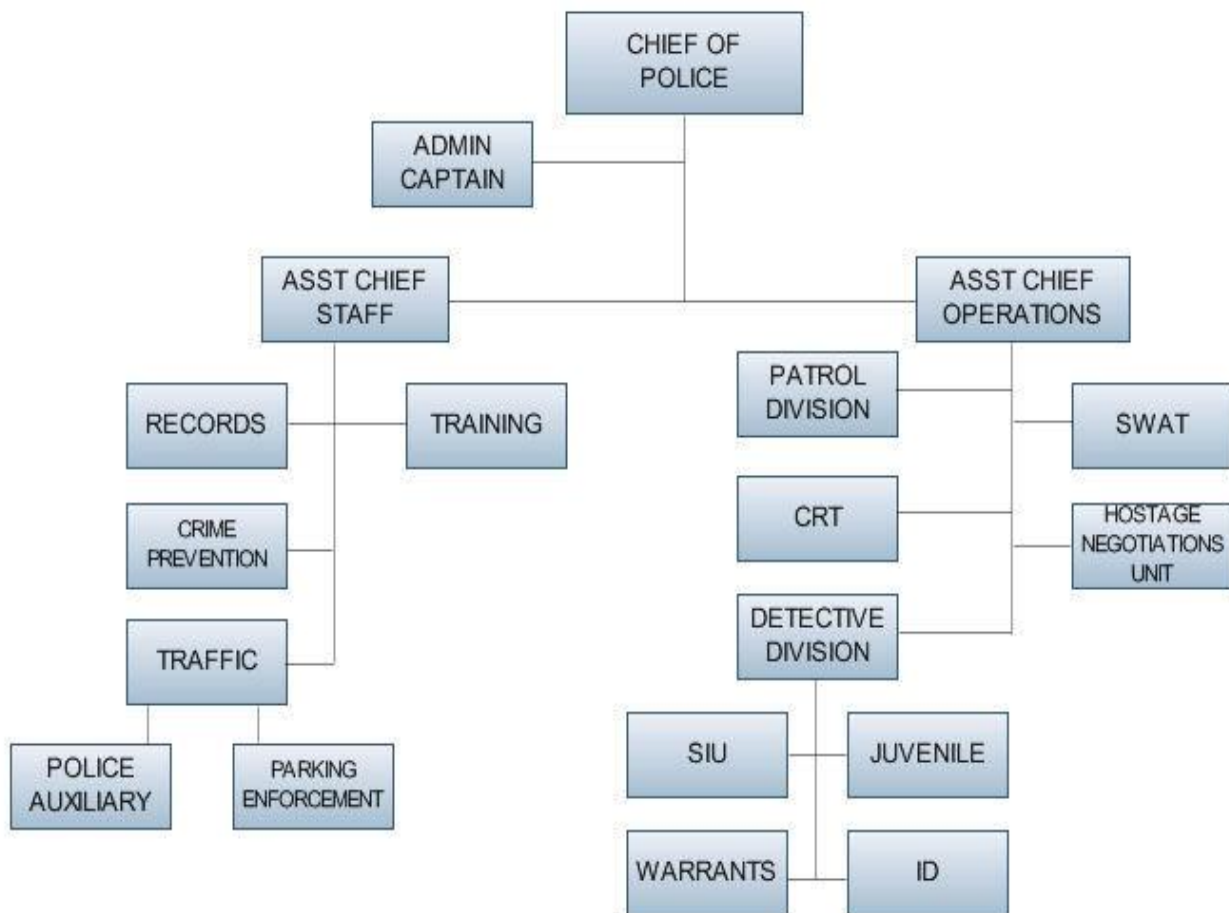


<b><u>ACTIVITIES / CALLS FOR SERVICE</u></b>	<b>51, 200</b>
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<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b>\$9,002,409.00</b>
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## BINGHAMTON POLICE BUREAU



## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the police department. There are presently 76 officers and 15 supervisors assigned to the patrol division. The division is divided into three daily reliefs. Duties performed by the Patrol Division include:

- Responds to calls for police service
  - Conducts thorough preliminary investigations of all offenses
  - Conducts follow-up investigations in cases where responsibility is not yielded to another division or section
  - Apprehends offenders and recovers stolen property
  - Enforces laws and regulations
  - Conducts crime prevention and suppression activities
  - Maintains close liaison with the community and fosters positive police community relations
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- The Patrol division responded to 51,200 calls for assistance in 2007.

### PATROL DIVISION 2007 GOALS

- To keep a foot patrol officer assigned to the downtown area as manpower permits, this will keep the lines of communication open between the downtown merchants and the police department.
- To continue to target “quality of life” issues throughout the city by targeting those seemingly minor crimes that affect us all.
  - To continue to handle personnel complaints in a timely manner in order to demonstrate to citizens that their complaints are not being ignored.
- To have all patrol officers trained in the use of the TRACS system.
- To continue to maintain a police presence in high crime areas to deter prostitution and drug dealing.
- To maintain good traffic enforcement efforts and ticket violators in an effort to reduce accidents.





## **Detective Division**

The Detective Division is responsible for investigating all crimes that occur in the City of Binghamton. All units of the Detective Division are under the leadership of Captain Alex Minor. The Detective Division includes five subdivisions:

### **Investigators**

Composed of nine investigators and four supervisors. All members receive additional training in interviewing techniques and crime investigation. Each investigator does an outstanding job in following all leads to close every case possible by making an arrest, if warranted.

### **Identification Unit**

The Identification Unit is a viable division of the detective bureau and is responsible for all crime scene processing and evidence handling. The Unit is made up of four investigators. The investigators receive special training in Crime Scene Processing such as fingerprint analysis and evidence handling and storage. The Unit has received federal grants that have allocated the funds to provide the Unit with a Crime Scene Processing van and new technology to increase solvability factors.

### **Juvenile Division**

The Juvenile Division is composed of two investigators and a supervisor. The Division handles all crime and investigations that involve a minor (under 16 years of age). The Division works closely with all Binghamton schools and parents to help deter additional crimes and rehabilitate juveniles to become productive adults in the community.

All crimes charged against juveniles are prosecuted in Broome County Family Court. The Division also works hand and hand with the Probation Department to follow the youth's progress and behavior after the charges have been filed.

### **Special Investigation Unit**

The Binghamton Special Investigation Unit is composed of two Supervisors and seven investigators. In an effort to become more efficient in enforcing drug laws the Binghamton Police joined forces with the Broome County Sheriff's Special Investigations Unit in 2004 forming the Special Investigation Task Force.

The Mission Statement of the Task Force is to effectively address threats arising from, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Narcotics
- Vice – including prostitution and gambling
- Gang activity
- ABC violations (Alcohol Beverage Control)



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### **Warrant Unit**

The Warrant Division is composed of a supervisor and a patrol officer. The division focuses on arresting individuals that are fugitives from justice or have an active bench or arrest warrant issued by a Judge for their arrest. If you have any information on an individual that has an active warrant for their arrest or is a fugitive from justice, you can contact the Warrant Division at (607) 772-7044

### DETECTIVE DIVISION 2007 GOALS

- To continue the practice of rotating supervisors and patrol officers through the detective division to gain valuable investigative experience.
- To train detective division personnel in the use of property management system so they can enter and track evidence, thereby making the handling of evidence more efficient.
- To equip the other three interrogation rooms with audio and video equipment.
- To have the lab personnel become more efficient in the use of the SAFIS site.



## Specialized Units

### **Binghamton Police – K-9 Unit**

The Binghamton Police Department has four K-9 units. The K-9 handler and dog teams conduct searches of buildings, wooded areas and other places suited to search for criminal suspects or missing persons. They also detect the unlawful possession of narcotics, detect the odors and locations of explosive ordinances or certain chemicals/compounds used for explosive detonation. The K-9 teams are also used to retrieve articles of evidence.

### **Binghamton Police SWAT Team**

Officers on patrol are highly trained in tactics and with the firearm they carry on duty. They are prepared to handle a host of situations however there are times when a specialized unit is needed. The Binghamton police Swat Team is made up of nine officers and one supervisor and is overseen by the Asst. Chief of Police in charge of operations. The members are highly trained and receive ongoing special training in tactics and weapons and work as a team to counter special situations.

The Swat Team has the responsibility of responding to any situation that requires specialized weapons and tactics. These situations include, but are not limited to, the following: hostage situations, barricaded suspects, violent civil unrest, and the execution of search warrants. The team training involves specialized tactics to enable them to end a situation with non-lethal force if at all possible. The team members are very dedicated and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Binghamton Police CRT (Community Response Team)**

The Binghamton Police CRT (community response team) is composed of four officers and a supervisor. The simple premise for the unit is that anything they can do to help the quality of life in our city is police work. Their goal is to work in an area together with the residents and reclaim it as a safe, clean, productive place to live and raise a family.

This team is based on a service-focused approach. This encourages active citizen participation. Their policing efforts continue to progress from reactive to proactive to coactive. With the police and the community working together, these collaborative partnerships have jointly identified, prioritized and successfully solved problems.

### **Hostage Negotiation Team**

Although police officers are trained to deal with a wide range of situations concerning how to deal with emotionally or mentally disturbed citizens, the need sometimes arises for additional skills that the average patrol officer does not possess.

The Hostage Negotiation Team has the responsibility of responding to any situation that requires specialized negotiation skills. It is the objective of the team to preserve life and defuse volatile situations through negotiation, rather than using force. These situations include, but are not limited to, the following: hostage situations, barricaded persons, mentally challenged persons, and civil unrest. The Hostage Negotiation Team is sometimes deployed in conjunction with the SWAT Team.

## Crime Prevention Unit

### **D.A.R.E. - Drug Abuse Resistance Program**

D.A.R.E. is a national program that teaches kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence.

D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. Our local program focuses on 5th-grade students as we feel this is a vulnerable age and it allows us to address these issues prior to them attending middle school.

D.A.R.E. is universally viewed as an internationally recognized model of community policing. The United States Department of Justice has identified how D.A.R.E. benefits local communities:

- D.A.R.E. “humanizes” the police; that is, young people can begin to relate to officers as people.
- D.A.R.E. permits students to see officers in a helping role, not just an enforcement role.
- D.A.R.E. opens lines of communication between law enforcement and youth.
- D.A.R.E. officers can serve as conduits to provide information beyond drug-related topics.
- D.A.R.E. opens dialogue between the school, police, and parents to deal with other issues.

### **Citizen’s Police Academy**

The relationship between the community and law enforcement should be a natural partnership striving toward mutual goals. The Citizen’s Police Academy is an ideal environment in which to develop assessment, communication, evaluation and networking within this partnership.

The Citizen’s Police Academy is a 8 to 10 week program for civilians from the community. Classes are held once a week in the evening hours, mostly at police Headquarters in City Hall. Citizens who attend are familiarized with each component of the Binghamton Police Department. It gives the participant a direct feel for the life and death decisions officers are called upon to make during their careers.

The culmination of the academy for those in attendance is a graduation ceremony attended by members of the department’s executive staff. Graduates are also presented with a certificate of completion. The Citizen’s Police Academy is an excellent means of learning about the police department and police work in general.

Anyone interested in enrolling in the Citizen’s Police Academy should call the Crime Prevention Unit at (607) 772-7093.



### **Breakdown of 2006 Arrests by Statute**

PL 120.00	Assault- 3rd	175
PL 120.05	Assault- 2nd	62
PL 120.07	Gang Assault-1st	3
PL 120.10	Assault- 1st	12
PL 120.13	Menacing- 1st	2
PL 120.14	Menacing- 2nd	40
PL 120.15	Menacing- 3rd	9
PL 120.20	Reckless Endangerment- 2nd	16
PL 120.25	Reckless Endangerment- 1st	2
PL 120.50	Stalking- 3rd	1
PL 125.25	Murder- 2nd	2
PL 130.20	Sexual Misconduct	4
PL 130.30	Rape- 2nd	4
PL 130.35	Rape- 1st	6
PL 130.40	Criminal Sexual Act- 3rd	3
PL 130.45	Criminal Sexual Act-2nd	1
PL 130.50	Criminal Sexual Act-1st	3
PL 130.52	Forcible Touching	6
PL 130.65	Sexual Abuse-1st	5
PL 130.66	Aggravated Sexual Abuse-3rd	1
PL 130.75	Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child-1st	1
PL 130.80	Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child-2nd	1
PL 135.05	Unlawful Imprisonment- 2nd	2
PL 140.05	Trespass	88
PL 140.10	Criminal Trespass-3rd	36
PL 140.15	Criminal Trespass-2nd	56
PL 140.20	Burglary-3rd	22
PL 140.25	Burglary-2nd	29
PL 140.30	Burglary-1st	12
PL 140.35	Possession of Burglar's Tools	3
PL 145.00	Criminal Mischief-4th	110
PL 145.05	Criminal Mischief-3rd	49
PL 145.10	Criminal Mischief-2nd	6
PL 145.14	Criminal Tampering-2nd	3
PL 145.25	Cemetery Desecration-1st	1
PL 145.60	Making Graffiti	1
PL 145.65	Possession of Graffiti Instruments	2
PL 150.05	Arson-4th	1



PL 150.10	Arson-3rd	1
PL 155.25	Petit Larceny	339
PL 155.30	Grand Larceny-4th	40
PL 155.35	Grand Larceny-3rd	9
PL 158.05	Welfare Fraud-5th	11
PL 158.10	Welfare Fraud-4th	16
PL 158.15	Welfare Fraud-3rd	10
PL 158.30	Criminal Use of a Public Benefit Card-2nd	1
PL 160.05	Robbery-3rd	8
PL 160.10	Robbery-2nd	16
PL 160.15	Robbery-1st	8
PL 165.00	Misapplication of Property	2
PL 165.05	Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle-3rd	19
PL 165.06	Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle-2nd	1
PL 165.15	Theft of Services	12
PL 165.40	Criminal Possession of Stolen Property-5th	12
PL 165.45	Criminal Possession of Stolen Property-4th	10
PL 170.05	Forgery-3rd	2
PL 170.10	Forgery-2nd	16
PL 170.20	Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument-3rd	7
PL 170.25	Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument-2nd	24
PL 170.30	Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument-1st	1
PL 175.30	Offering a False Instrument for Filing-2nd	1
PL 175.35	Offering a False Instrument for Filing-1st	3
PL 170.55	Unlawfully using Slugs-2nd	1
PL 190.05	Issuing a Bad Check	18
PL 190.23	False Personation	33
PL 190.25	Criminal Inpersonation-2nd	15
PL 190.78	Identity Theft-3rd	2
PL 190.79	Identity Theft-2nd	2
PL 190.80	Identity Theft-1st	1
PL 190.81	Unlawful Possession of Personal Identification Information-3rd	1
PL 195.05	Obstructing Governmental Administration-2nd	18
PL 195.15	Obstructing Firefighting Operations	1
PL 205.05	Bribery; Defense	2
PL 205.10	Bribe Receiving-3rd	1
PL 205.15	Bribe Receiving; no defense	1
PL 205.20	Promoting Prison Contraband-2nd	1
PL 205.30	Resisting Arrest	85
PL 205.55	Hindering Prosecution-3rd	3
PL 205.60	Hindering Prosecution-2nd	2
PL 205.65	Hindering Prosecution-1st	1
PL 210.15	Perjury-1st	1
PL 210.45	Making a Punishable False Written Statement	2
PL 215.40	Tampering With Physical Evidence	20

PL 215.50	Criminal Contempt-2nd	90
PL 215.51	Criminal Contempt-1st	22
PL 215.52	Aggravated Criminal Contempt	5
PL 220.03	Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance-7th	127
PL 220.06	Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance-5th	5
PL 220.09	Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance-4th	15
PL 220.16	Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance-3rd	119
PL 220.18	Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance-2nd	4
PL 220.39	Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance-3rd	64
PL 220.50	Criminally using Drug Paraphernalia-2nd	2
PL 220.73	Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine-3rd	2
PL 221.05	Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	181
PL 221.10	Criminal Possession of Marihuana-5th	13
PL 221.15	Criminal Possession of Marihuana-4th	4
PL 221.25	Criminal Possession of Marihuana-2nd	5
PL 221.35	Criminal Sale of Marihuana-5th	1
PL 221.45	Criminal Sale of Marihuana-3rd	1
PL230.00	Prostitution	44
PL 230.03	Patronizing a Prostitute-4th	5
PL 230.20	Promoting Prostitution-4th	1
PL 230.25	Promoting Prostitution-3rd	2
PL 240.20	Disorderly Conduct	306
PL 240.25	Harassment-1st	3
PL 240.26	Harassment-2nd	240
PL 240.30	Aggravated Harassment-2nd	55
PL 240.35	Loitering	8
PL 240.36	Loitering-1st	123
PL 240.37	Loitering for the purpose of engaging in a Prostitution Offense	9
PL 240.45	Criminal Nuisance-2nd	1
PL 240.46	Criminal Nuisance-1st	2
PL 240.50	Falsely Reporting an Incident -3rd	3
PL 240.55	Falsely Reporting an Incident -2nd	1
PL 245.00	Public Lewdness	9
PL 260.10	Endangering the Welfare of a Child	37
PL 260.20	Unlawfully Dealing with a Child-1st	2
PL 260.25	Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person	1
PL 265.01	Criminal Possession of a Weapon-4th	29
PL 265.02	Criminal Possession of a Weapon-3rd	25
PL 265.03	Criminal Possession of a Weapon-2nd	2
PL 265.09	Criminal use of a Firearm-1st	1
PL 265.11	Criminal Sale of a Firearm-3rd	2
PL 270.00	Unlawfully dealing with Fireworks and dangerous Fireworks	2
ABC	ABC Related Arrests	45

## Major Offenses Reported 2006

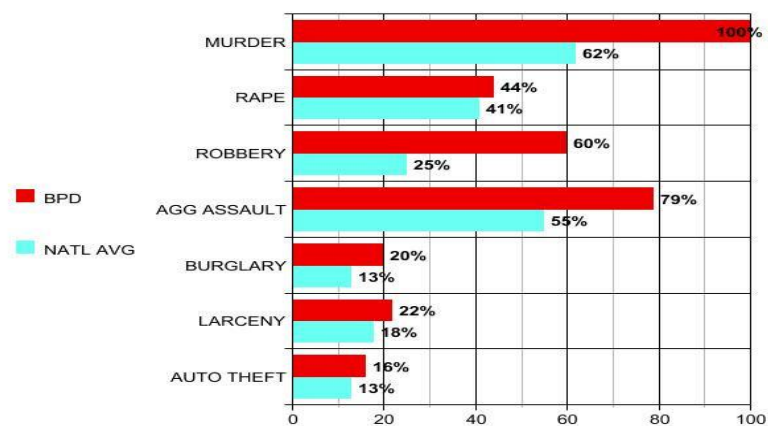
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Homicide	6	4	1	3	2
Forcible Rape	21	10	22	19	9
Robbery	80	77	57	60	63
Aggravated Assault	98	92	75	94	132
Burglary	260	213	247	234	288
Larceny	1854	1666	1686	1646	2016
Motor Vehicle Theft	126	131	124	91	49
<b>Total Part One Crimes</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>2193</b>	<b>2212</b>	<b>2147</b>	<b>2568</b>

## Major Offenses Cleared 2006

Offense	Total Reported	Total Cleared	National Average	BPD Cleared
Homicide	2	2	62.60%	100%
Forcible Rape	9	4	41.8%	44%
Robbery	63	38	26.2%	60%
Aggravated Assault	132	104	55.6%	79%
Burglary	288	59	12.9%	20%
Larceny	2016	442	18.3%	22%
Motor Vehicle Theft	49	8	13.0%	16%

## Major Offenses Clearance Rate Comparison 2006

*Natl. Data provided by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program*





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### TRAINING UNIT

#### SELECTED ACTIVITIES

#### TOTAL MAN HOURS

Firearms Qualifications.....	2,320
Hostage Negotiation School .....	120
In-Service.....	6,720
Police Basic School .....	4,200
Glock Armor Course.....	24
Shooting Reconstruction.....	40
SWAT .....	2272
Vehicle Stops .....	336
Cold Case Homicide .....	24
Fraudulent Documents.....	16
Interview and Interrogation.....	408
Digital Camera Training .....	56
Supervisor Training School .....	600
Pipeline Safety Meeting.....	48
Police Background Training .....	40
Absenteeism Control Meeting .....	6
Tazor Instructor Certification .....	96
Operation Impact Conference .....	96



## **CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**

DARE Students .....	1,090
DARE Summer Program Students .....	180
Citizen Police Academy .....	2 Sessions, 80 Participants
Crime Prevention Lectures & Presentations .....	42

Crime Prevention also actively participates in the following programs:

Binghamton Housing Authority Community Officer Program	
Operation Impact	Crime Analysis & Mapping
National Night Out	Operation I.D.
Neighborhood Watch	Liberty Street Substation
Weed and Seed	Police Intern Program
Security Surveys	Crime Stoppers







## 2006 TRAFFIC STATISTICS

<u>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Reports of Motor Vehicle Accidents	2,678	2,385
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injuries	287	272
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Property Damage Only	2,391	2,113
Accidents with DWI Arrest	64	52

### VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW SUMMONS

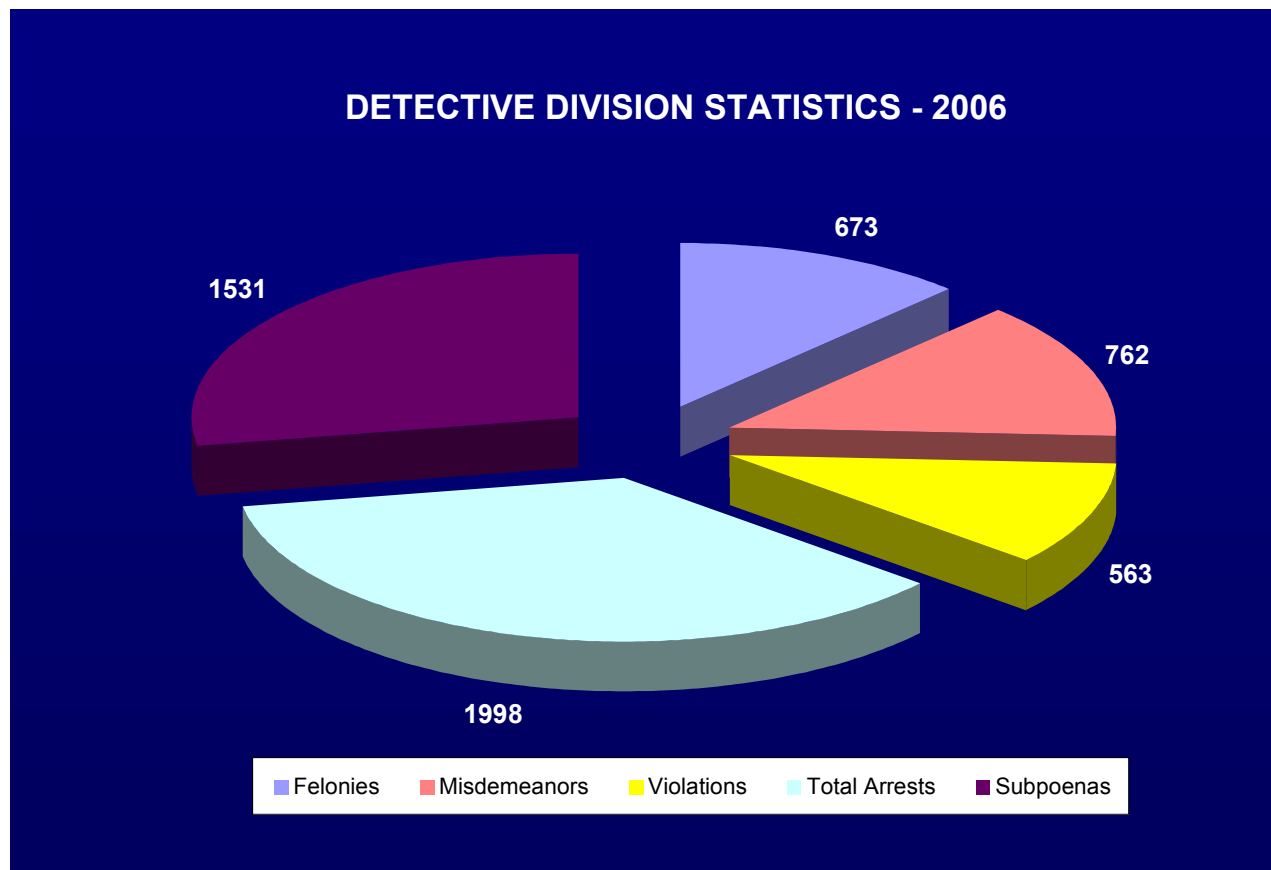
#### MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES

Driving with more than .08 BAC	83	80
Driving While Intoxicated	136	129
Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs	3	1
Reckless Driving	15	21
Leaving Scene of an Accident with Injuries	11	5
Inadequate Brakes	3	3
Driving While License Revoked or Suspended	681	712
Driving While Registration or Privileges Revoked or Suspended	118	261
Other Misdemeanors	61	73

#### SELECTED TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

Speeding	1,028	775
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	236	356
Unlicensed Operator	481	396
Illegal Turns	130	17
Following Too Closely	82	56
Failed to Yield the Right of Way	206	145
Failed to Keep Right	60	23
Unsafe Lane Change	87	59
No Insurance	193	261
Unsafe Backing	58	46
Equipment Violations	365	265
Seat Belt Violations	310	219
Window Tint Less than 70%	302	152
Muffler/ Baffle Violations	262	187
Red Light Violations	268	158
Uninspected Motor Vehicle Violations	859	893
Failed to Obey a Traffic Control Device	297	284
Cellular Telephone Violations	468	354
Other Infractions	548	428
Parking Tickets	19,424	13,381

## DETECTIVE DIVISION 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

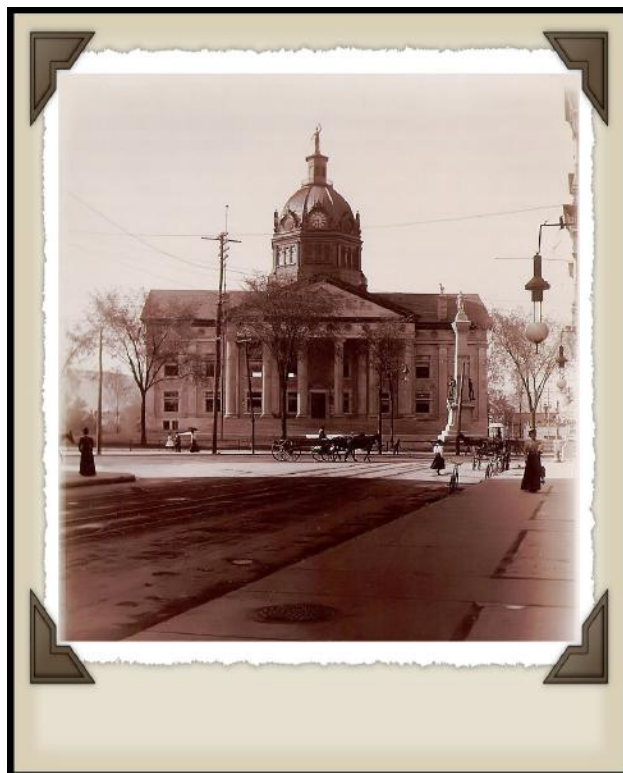


The Detective Division was assigned approximately 1634 criminal investigations, which resulted in 549 criminal charges filed. The numbers reflect a fairly consistent pattern, much the same as we have seen for the last three years. There were slight increases in some categories and slight decreases in others. It is important to note the solvability percentage continues to exceed the national average.

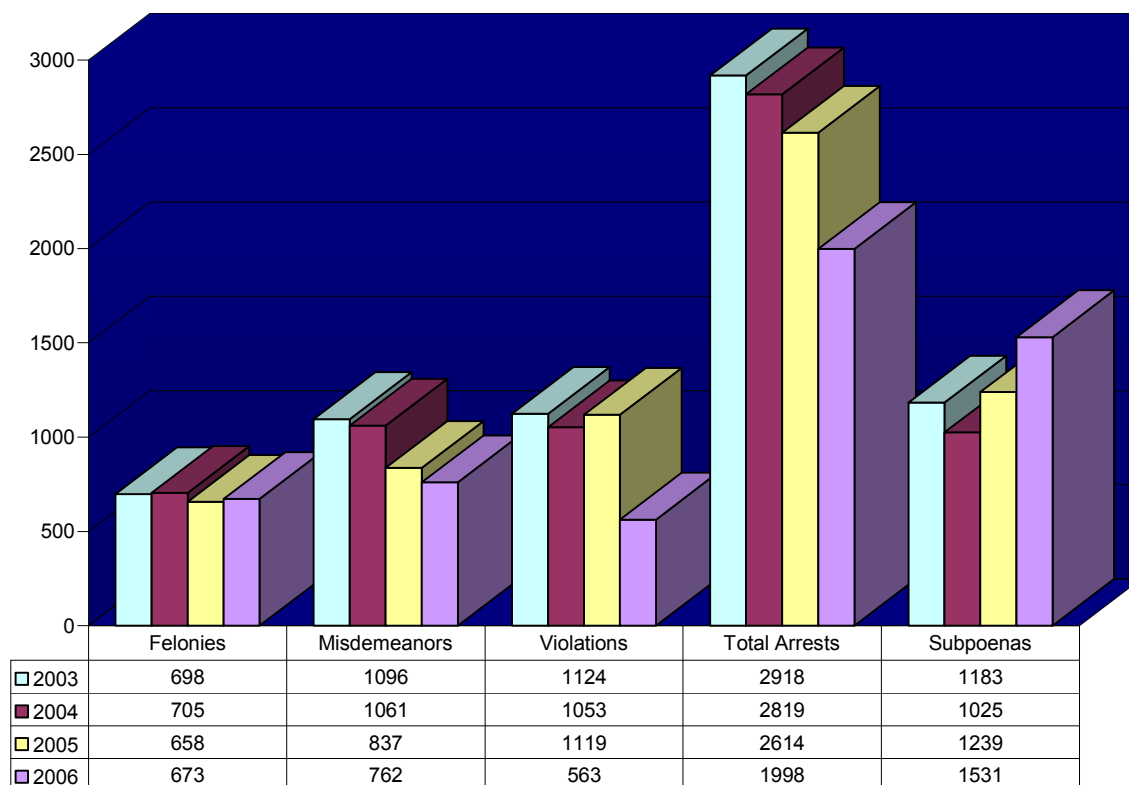


## **2006 DETECTIVE DIVISION TRAINING**

<b><u>Seminar</u></b>	<b><u>Officers (#)</u></b>	<b><u>Hours</u></b>
Street Gang Conference	2	8
RISS Intel & Web Site	7	4
Follow the Money	2	24
Legal Update Seminar	9	16
Internet Crime against Children	2	8
Use of UNYRIC & HIDTA-RIC	1	8
Homicide & Death Investigation	2	24
Hostage Negotiation Seminar	2	24
Forensic Int.	2	24
California Coalition against Sexual Assault	1	40

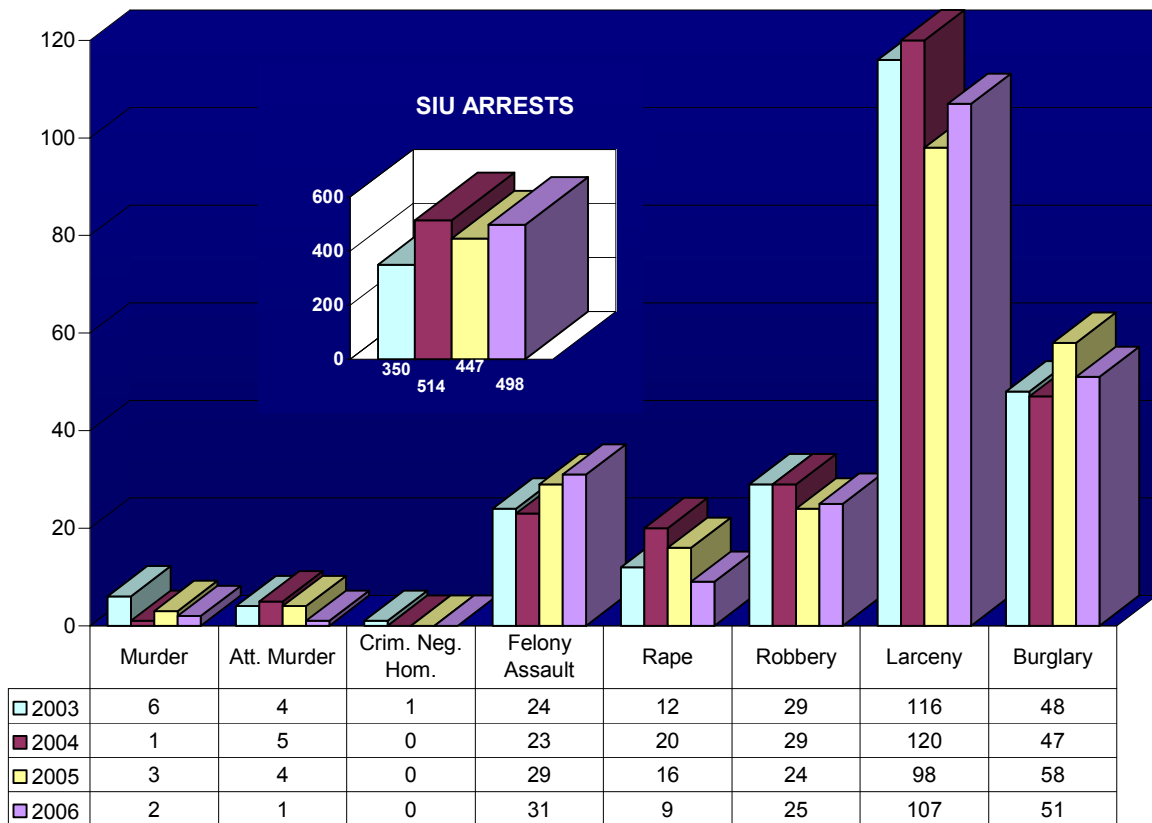


## DETECTIVE DIVISION STATISTICS 2003 - 2006





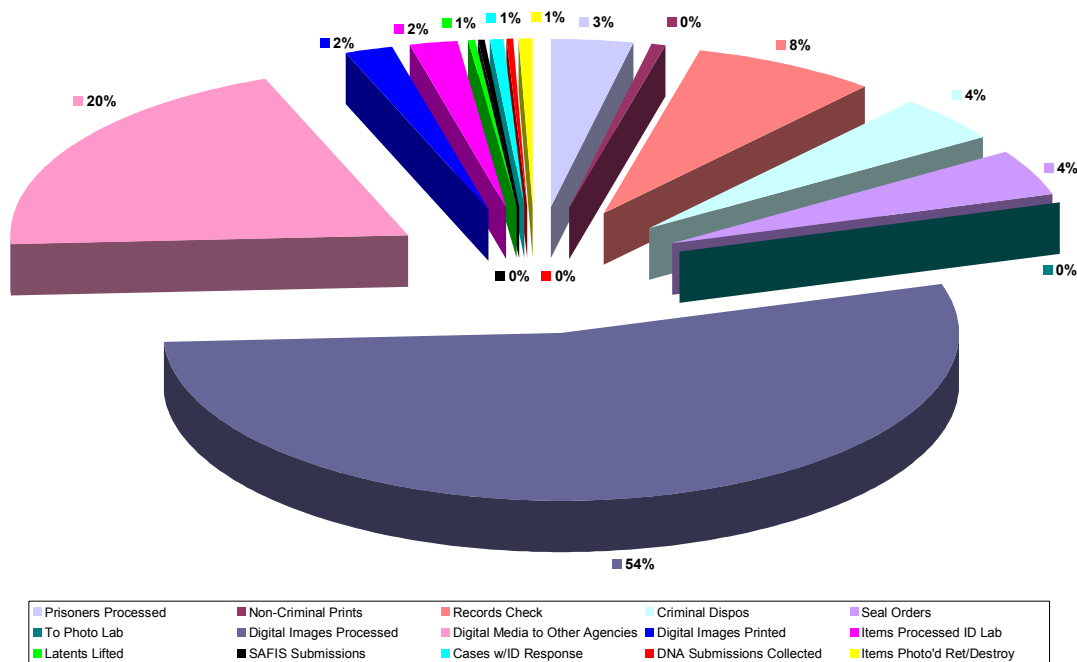
## DETECTIVE DIVISION - MAJOR OFFENSE ARRESTS 2003 - 2006





## **IDENTIFICATION UNIT**

### **2006 ANNUAL REPORT**



After receiving a Byrne Grant through Senator Libous’s office for \$100,000, we were able to purchase several advanced pieces of equipment and send our ID officers to several advanced training courses. This enables our officers to be more proficient and efficient in processing crime scenes. Also in 2006, New York State DCJS installed a full service SAFIS site into our lab and to date 25 submissions have been made.

The ID Unit responded to 215 crime scenes and processed 527 pieces of evidence in our lab. An additional 396 items were sent off site for further testing. As in 2005, there were nearly 40 thousand property transactions in 2006.

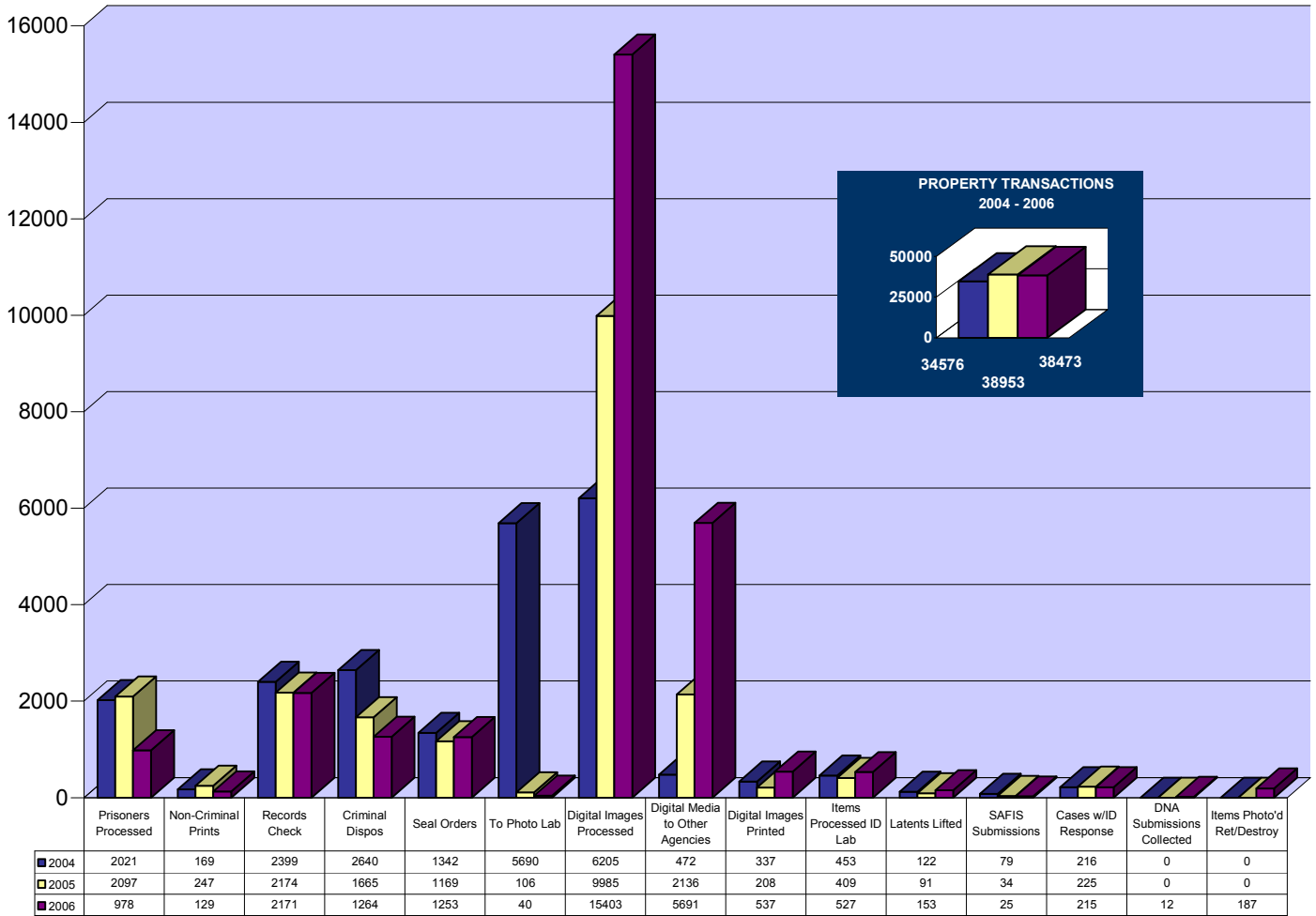
The ID Unit also generated approximately \$24,000 in revenue in impound fees, background checks, and civilian fingerprinting fees. Additionally, approximately \$120,000 was transferred to the Comptroller’s Office for future use by the Police Department.



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### ID Unit Statistics 2004 - 2006





## **Identification Unit Statistics for 2006**

Prisoners Processed			978
Non criminal fingerprints taken		\$1935.00	129
Background checks generated		\$8250.00	2171
Criminal Dispositions processed			1264
Seal Orders processed			1253
Cases out to photo lab			40
Digital images processed		639 Cases	15403 images
Digital Media to other agencies	\$242.00	101 Items	5691 images
Digital Images printed		83 cases	537 images
Items processed for latent fingerprints			527
Latent lifted			153
SAFIS submissions			25
Cases with ID response			215
DNA Conviction submissions collected			12
Items photographed for return/destruction		27 Cases	187 images

## **Property and Evidence Statistics for 2006**

Items collected	Non bar coded	6667
Total bar-coded items in storage		13824
Items auctioned		236
Items destroyed	+ 113	3108
Items returned to owner	+ 4	1389
Items transferred to lab		396
Items transferred to DA		436
Items transferred to other agencies		92
Items maintained for dept records	+ 3	447
Items transferred to City of Bing		50
Items to Comptroller	\$119,176.00	120
Impounded Motor Vehicles	\$13,525.00	541

**Total Transactions****38,473**

## **Internships/Presentations 2006**

BCSO Explorer's program – 2 presentations, 2 hrs each  
Internship – 2 days  
Fuji patrol instruction – 7 officers, 1 day  
SUNY Career Day – 1 day  
4 Students, BOCES Schools to Careers, 1 day each  
BCC presentation – 3 hrs  
Recruit shadowing – 5 recruits/ 3 days each

## **ID Training 2006**

*Inv. Burnett-* Upstate DNA Burglary Initiative, Albany, March 22, 23, 16 hrs  
Medico legal Death Investigation, St. Louis April 24-28, 40 hrs  
SAFIS Mtg., Albany May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 hrs

*Inv. Zandy-* Detection & Enhancement of Latent Prints, U of New Haven, Feb  
6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 40 hrs  
Medico legal Death Investigation, St. Louis April 24-28, 40 hrs  
Shooting Reconstruction, U of New Haven, Oct 2-6<sup>th</sup>, 40 hrs

*Inv. McAllister-* Detection & Enhancement of Latent Prints, U of New Haven, Feb  
6-10<sup>th</sup>, 40 hrs  
NYSDCJS Legal Gun Trafficking April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 hrs

*Inv. Stebbins-* Upstate DNA Burglary Initiative, Albany, March 22, 23, 16 hrs  
SAFIS Mtg., Albany May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 hrs  
Shooting Reconstruction, U of New Haven, Oct 2-6<sup>th</sup>, 40 hrs  
Basis Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Nashua NH, June 12-16<sup>th</sup>, 40 hrs

## **2006 JUVENILE DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT**

TOTAL COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED	419
CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS	272
FELONIES	59
MISDEMEANORS	213
JUVENILE ARREST / FAMILY COURT PETITIONS	258

### **MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS**

Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup>	28
Att. Petit Larceny	2
Att. Sale of Marijuana 4 <sup>th</sup>	1
Criminal mischief 4 <sup>th</sup>	54
Criminal possession of weapon 4 <sup>th</sup>	1
Criminal possession of controlled sub. 7 <sup>th</sup>	1
Criminal possession of stolen prop. 5 <sup>th</sup>	6
Criminal trespass 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Criminal trespass 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7
False personation	2
Family Court Warrant	15
Harassment 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Menacing 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3
Menacing 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Petit larceny	65
Public lewdness	1
Reckless endangerment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Resisting arrest	7
Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5
Unlawful possession of weapon less 16	2





## FELONY ARRESTS

Arson 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Assault 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3
Burglary 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5
Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14
Criminal Mischief 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Criminal Mischief 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Criminal possession of controlled sub. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Criminal possession stolen prop. 4 <sup>th</sup>	1
Criminal sale of controlled sub. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Criminal sex act in the 1 <sup>st</sup> degree	3
False reporting an incident 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Gang assault 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Grand larceny 4 <sup>th</sup>	4
Robbery 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Robbery 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11
Robbery 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Sex abuse 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Tampering with a witness 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1

<b>REPRIMANDS:</b>	128
<b>RUNAWAYS:</b>	153
<b>SUBPOENAS:</b>	27

## ADULT ARRESTS

### MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup> – warrant	1
Endangering the welfare of child	1
Hindering prosecution 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Making graffiti	1
Petit larceny	2
Public lewdness	2
Reckless endangerment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1

### FELONY ARRESTS

Arson 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Robbery 1 <sup>st</sup>	1
Robbery 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2

## **Warrant Arrest Statistics for Calendar Year 2006**

**1,507 Total Departmental Warrant arrests  
809 Warrant Office arrests**

ABC Violations	4	Miscellaneous Offenses	27
Agg & Markets Law	2	Murder 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Assault 1 <sup>st</sup>	1	Obstruct Gov Admin	2
Assault 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	Offering False Written Inst	2
Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup>	54	Perjury	1
Bad Check	5	Petit Larceny	44
Burglary (All)	8	Poss. Forged Instrument	9
Controlled Substance		Poss. Graffiti Instrument	1
- Possession or Sale	31	Poss. Stolen Property	3
Corrections Law	12	Possession of Weapon	5
Criminal Contempt	45	Promoting Prison Contraband	1
Criminal Impersonation	3	Promoting Prostitution	1
Criminal Mischief 4 <sup>th</sup>	21	Prostitution	11
Criminal Mischief 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	Public Health Law	3
Criminal Nuisance	1	Resisting Arrest	3
Criminal Tampering	1	Reckless Endangerment (All)	4
Disorderly Conduct	18	Robbery (All)	3
Endangering Welfare Child	4	Sale of Firearm	1
Escape	1	Sexual Act 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Executive Law Violation	2	Sexual Misconduct	1
Failure to Appear	756	Tampering with Evidence	1
False Personation	2	Theft of Services	1
Family Court Act	6	Trespass (All)	29
Forcible Touching	1	Unlawful Imprisonment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1
Fugitive from Justice	10	Unlawful Poss. Personal ID Info	1
Grand Larceny (All)	16	Unlawfully Using Slugs	1
Harassment	98	Unauthorized Use MV	5
Identity Theft	3	Violation of Local Laws	3
Loitering	29	Violation Probation	34
Marijuana-Poss. or Sale	15	V & T Offenses	135
Menacing (All)	3	Welfare Fraud (All)	2
Misapplication of Property	1		

## **BROOME COUNTY**

### **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS TASK FORCE**

The Task Force is the result of a merger between the special investigations units of the Broome County Sheriff's Office and the Binghamton Police Department. Members assigned from the Sheriff's Office include a detective sergeant and five detectives. Members assigned from the Binghamton Police include two sergeants and seven investigators. The Task Force operates with six two man teams and covers two working shifts each day. However, for much of 2006 the Task Force was without 2 permanently assigned members because of manpower and health-related issues. The Task Force operates from a central location and also maintains space at each respective agency. The Task Force worked cases with every other local agency in the area.

Targeting drug dealers by using undercover operations is the main focus of our efforts on an everyday basis. In 2006 the Task Force conducted two separate three-month long investigations utilizing undercover police officers to target drug dealers. The investigations ran from February through April and October through December 2006. As a result of these two investigations, approximately 50 undercover drug buys were made and 30 people were arrested. Targeting specific locations for search warrants is still part of our strategy, but this has become less effective because of adaptations made by drug dealers.

#### **Task Force activity:**

Investigations:	349
Search warrants (inc. body & vehicle warrants):	121
Confidential informant buys:	117
Undercover officer buys:	145
Cash seized:	\$51,133.00
Handguns Recovered:	12



## **Breakdown of 2006 Arrests:**

Felony narcotics possession	142
Felony narcotics sale	116
Criminal Poss. Methamphetamine	1
Unlawful Mfg. Methamphetamine	2
Misdemeanor narcotics possession	47
Marijuana related felony	6
Marijuana related misdemeanor	13
Marijuana violations	40
Possession of Imitation Controlled Sub.	3
Crim. Possession Hypodermic instrument	2
Felony weapons charges	18
Misdemeanor weapons charges	11
Prostitution related charges	13
Loitering	17
Felony Criminal nuisance	1
Criminal use of drug paraphernalia	2
ABC related arrests	6
Tampering with evidence	6
Criminal impersonation/false personation	3
Resisting arrest	1
Forgery related offenses	2
Criminal possession of stolen property	6
Petit larceny	3
Obstructing governmental admin.	2
Vehicle & Traffic	2
Felony assault	2
Simple Assault	1
Warrant arrests	4
Violation of Parole	4
Violation of Probation	3
Fugitive from Justice	1
Robbery/attempted robbery	1
Burglary	1
Harassment	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
Criminal Contempt	2
Endangering welfare/child	7
Criminal Sexual Act	2
Sexual Abuse	1
Other	1
Total:	<b>498</b>

## Notable Cases

### **Methamphetamine:**

· The task force worked a long term Federal investigation in conjunction with the NYSP CNET as well as other local law enforcement agencies into a group of individuals importing methamphetamine into the area from Arizona. As a result of the investigation nine local search warrants were executed throughout Broome County including the City of Binghamton, Town of Colesville, Town of Maine, Town of Union and the Village of Johnson City

· A search warrant for methamphetamine was executed at 188 King Street in the Town of Barker on September 1, 2006. A total of six people were arrested for possession charges, endangering the welfare of children and unlawful manufacturing of methamphetamine. Four long guns were located in the residence as well as approximately one ounce of methamphetamine.



· One person was arrested for criminal possession of methamphetamine 2<sup>nd</sup> degree after a house fire on Conklin Ave. in the City of Binghamton. A quantity of a substance that tested positive for pseudo ephedrine, methamphetamine oil, ether as well as vessels used to manufacture methamphetamine were located in the residence. A .45 caliber handgun and numerous empty 'Sudafed' boxes were located as well.



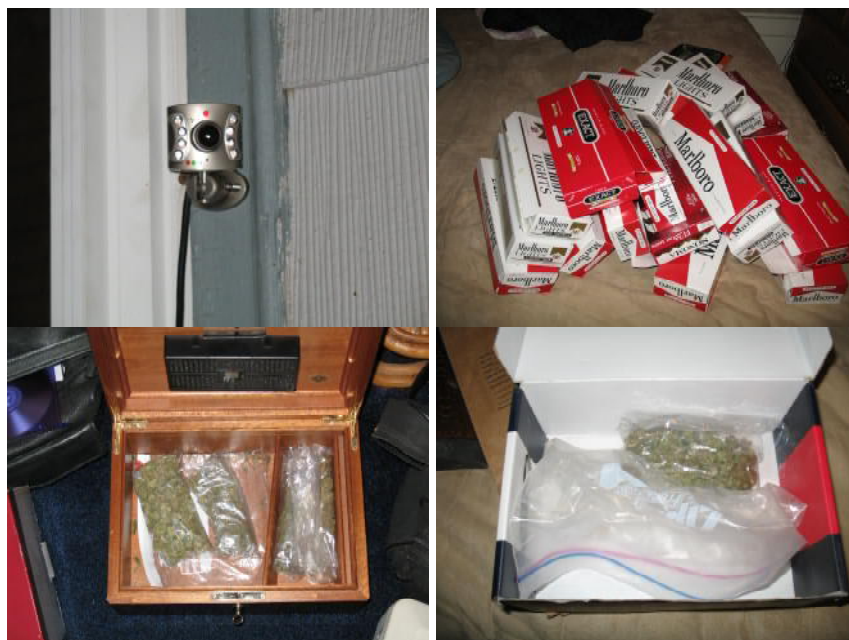


### **Marijuana:**

· In October two people were arrested, four handguns were seized and approximately three pounds of marijuana were recovered as a result of two search warrants executed; one in the City of Binghamton and one in the Town of Dickinson.



· In January two people were arrested in the Town of Union after ¼ pound of marijuana, a video surveillance system, 200 hydrocodone pills, and numerous packs of illegal cigarettes were located and seized as a result of a search warrant execution.





### Heroin:

· In June one person was arrested, a .25 caliber handgun was recovered and 1083 bags of heroin were seized as a result of a search warrant that was executed in the City of Binghamton.



· In November one person was arrested, \$1200.00 cash was seized, and 50 bags of heroin and one pound of marijuana were recovered as a result of a search warrant execution in the City of Binghamton.



### Cocaine:

· In January one person was arrested and three ounces of crack cocaine was seized as a result of a search warrant executed on the eastside of Binghamton.



## **Community Response Team Report**

In its second year of operation, the Community Response Team continued to combat illegal street activity and address neighborhood concerns by amassing 742 arrests on approximately 630 individuals with a strong emphasis on drug related offenses. CRT members concentrated their efforts on reducing street level drug activity by making 217 arrests on individuals for the following offenses: Criminal Possession and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance Felony, Misdemeanor Narcotic Possession, Loitering 1<sup>st</sup>, Imitation Controlled Substance and Tampering with Physical Evidence. Members netted 48 arrests while working during Weed & Seed and Operation Impact details.

Additionally, CRT made 161 outstanding warrant arrests for charges such as Attempted Murder, Robbery, and Felony Drug Possession. The subject wanted for attempted murder out of Scranton, PA was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun. Members also continued to work closely with New York State Parole resulting in the arrest of 29 subjects for various parole violations.

The unit continued its emphasis on quality of life by making arrests for the following offenses; Prostitution, Littering, Open Container, Disorderly Conduct, Pedestrians Failing to Yield (jaywalking), Loitering for Gambling and Public Lewdness.

Attacking criminal activity at a street level has proven to impact the criminal element at a higher level with members recovering a half kilo of cocaine originating from a traffic stop for a minor violation. Two subjects were subsequently charged with the A-1 Felony of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and a third with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup>. During another street stop, this time on a possible wanted subject walking in the downtown area, CRT members recovered approximately 5 ounces of crack cocaine and subsequently charged the individual with the A-2 Felony of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 2<sup>nd</sup>.

CRT members also focused their attention on the Short line Bus Terminal looking for wanted parties and illegal drugs entering our jurisdiction. Periodic walkthroughs of the terminal with our narcotics K-9 yielded 1 ounce of crack cocaine and on a separate occasion 5 Pounds of marihuana. On the latter two subjects were subsequently charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Members have implemented creative community policing methods to become more accessible to residents by providing them with CRT cell phone numbers and allowing them to maintain regular communication throughout a shift. As a suspicious incident unfolds residents narrate exactly what actions are transpiring i.e. physical descriptors, and license plates, which often develops just cause and enables members to quickly intervene.

This interactive approach has proven invaluable time and time again in arriving at effective solutions to neighborhood problems. Additionally, access to a 24 hour tip line has been made available to the public encouraging residents to leave information on a taped answering machine with a follow-up call back.

The Community Response Team has continued to work in cooperation with the Detective Bureau during the past year by assisting in the following investigations; Burglary -4, Violent Assaults -5, Homicide -1, Robbery-4, Sex Crimes -2 and Graffiti -1. Members work closely with the night detectives on a regular basis by providing manpower during their investigations and assisting with suspect apprehensions.

Members have continued to compliment the efforts of the Broome County Special Investigation Task Force by providing intelligence of street level drug and prostitution activity and assisting investigators in stopping and identifying potential drug targets. Additionally, CRT members assisted the task force on the execution of 55 search warrants and with approximately 67 street operations.

Although each unit has a different mission members of both teams work together in our city's fight against illegal drugs and over the past year this relationship has strengthened. Members from the Special Investigations task force and CRT are now regularly teaming up during street operations and the increased manpower from each end has proven to be quite effective. This growing cooperation between units will continue to make it more difficult for the drug trade to operate in our city and is integral in the department's crime fighting efforts.

CRT in conjunction with the Broome County Task Force, landlords and city agencies continued to play an important role in curbing a high level of drug activity and lawlessness at the following properties;

29 Charlotte Street  
99 Main Street  
46 & 52 North Street  
22 Oliver Street  
44 Griswold Street  
38 Columbus Park East

128,182, 186 & 188 Hawley Street  
80 & 224 Conklin Avenue  
210 Court Street  
25 Stuyvesant Street  
18 Crandall Street  
4, 6, & 6 ½ Fayette Street

132 Oak Street

### **ABC Establishments**

Members conducted surveillance and frequented the following ABC establishments in an effort to curb illegal activity therein;

Rock B Tavern  
The Antler Lodge  
Sarah's Bar  
Club Escape  
Fitzie's Irish Pub

### **Patrol Division**

The Community Response Team has provided assistance to the Patrol Division by responding to 254 calls for service, specifically on those that were narcotics related, and by providing manpower during emergencies and serious incidents i.e. the floods of 2006.

## K-9

The Community Response Team is also equipped with a dual purpose patrol/narcotics dog, K-9 'Storm,' that was kept busy in 2006 assisting the Special Investigations Task Force and other facets of the department. Storm was deployed a total of 102 times in 2006 assisting SIU on 50 investigations. Storm recovered approximately 1.7 pounds of cocaine and approximately 1.2 pounds of marihuana with a current street value totaling approximately \$90,000. Storm also assisted in the recovery of 3 illegal firearms, approximately \$5,000 cash and in the location and apprehension of 4 felony suspects.

An objective for 2006 to develop unit members was met by providing training opportunities. Members attended a Street Crime Seminar provided by John Reid and Associates, a Maglocen Highway Drug Interdiction School, a Patrol Interdiction School and a DCJS Illegal Gun Trafficking Initiative Seminar. Sgt. Bracco and Inv. Diles received Taser training and certification and Inv. Diles attended a Standardized Field Sobriety Test school. Additionally, Sgt. Bracco attended a DCJS Field Intelligence Officer school, a DCJS Instructor Development School and is now a New York State certified General Topics Instructor.

The Community Response Team's creative methods to keep criminal activity in check have firmly established it as an important part of community policing in the city. As a result, city residents are becoming more enthusiastic and trusting in their partnership with CRT members and this growing foundation should lead to a productive upcoming year.

## Breakdown of 2006 Arrests

**Felony narcotics possession: 49**  
**Felony narcotics sale: 8**  
**Misdemeanor narcotics possession: 73**  
**Marijuana related felony: 2**  
**Marijuana related misdemeanor: 9**  
**Marijuana violations: 95**  
**Felony weapons charges: 2**  
**Misdemeanor weapons charges: 5**  
**Prostitution related charges: 35**  
**Loitering 1<sup>st</sup>: 72**  
**Criminal Nuisance 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1**  
**ABC related arrests: 16**  
**Parole Warrant arrests: 29**  
**Felony Warrant arrests: 19**  
**Other Warrant arrests: 113**  
**Tampering with Evidence: 15**  
**Imitation Controlled Substance: 8**  
**Criminal/False Impersonation: 17**  
**Resisting Arrest: 10**  
**Unauthorized Use of MV: 6**  
**Burglary: 1**  
**Felony Assault: 6**  
**Misdemeanor Assault: 1**  
**Obstructing Gov. Administration: 5**

<u>Arrests</u>	
<b>Felonies:</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Misdemeanors:</b>	<b>278</b>
<b>Violations:</b>	<b>214</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>
 <u>Warrants</u>	
<b>Felony:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Misdemeanor/</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Violation</b>	
<b>Parole</b>	<b>29</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>
 <b>Total 742</b>	

**Petit Larceny: 10**  
**Criminal Contempt: 2**  
**Reckless Endangerment: 1**  
**DWI: 9**  
**Menacing: 1**  
**Littering: 18**  
**Felony Criminal Mischief: 1**  
**Criminal Trespass: 4**  
**Drug Paraphernalia: 2**  
**Harassment: 3**  
**Trespass: 12**  
**Loitering gambling: 4**  
**Public health: 8**  
**Sex Offenses: 4**  
**Open Container: 55**  
**Fireworks Violations: 2**  
**Disorderly Conduct: 9**  
**Public Lewdness: 2**





## **2006 POLICE AWARDS**

### **LIFE SAVING BAR**

Police Officer Charles Harder  
Police Officer Scott Donahue  
Police Officer Connor Heslin  
Police Officer Patrick Sine  
Police Officer Kevin Miller

### **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION WITH BAR**

Sergeant Scott D. Patrick  
Police Officer Charles Harder  
Investigator William Martino  
Captain Duane J. Shaffer

### **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

Lt. John Chapman	Inv. Christopher LoVoulo
Ptl. Charles Harder	Inv. James Hawley
Ptl. David Bidwell	Inv. Phillip Kane
Ptl. Matthew Husband	Inv. Charles Woody
Ptl. Christopher Hamlett	Inv. Phillip DeAngelo
Ptl. Robert Burnett	Inv. Jeffrey Wagner
Ptl. James Maerkl	Inv. Dennis Redner
Inv. William Martino	Cpt. Duane Shaffer
Ptl. Scott Donahue	Sgt. Larry Hendrickson
Ptl. Connor Heslin	Ptl. Kevin Leska
Inv. John Ryan	Ptl. Bradley Kaczynski
Sgt. Jack Collins	Sgt. Scott Patrick
Inv. Joseph Cornell	Ptl. Christopher Governanti
Inv. Brett Surace	Ptl. Patrick Sine
Inv. Jeremy Creagh	Ptl. Robert Kneer
Inv. David Petryszyn	Ptl. Daniel Angeline
Inv. Corey Minor	Ptl. Kevin Miller

### **CIVILIAN LETTERS OF RECOGNITION**

Civilian Efrain Torrez  
Civilian Michael Ray  
Civilian Roman Whitmore  
Civilian Leonard Hildale  
Civilian John Godbay  
Civilian Brian Oconnor  
Civilian Erik Scully  
Civilian Scott Doud  
Civilian Mark Hill





## **FALLEN OFFICERS**

### **Police Officer Lee E. Barta**

Appointed: January 28, 1991; Died: August 3, 1995

Officer Lee Barta was shot and killed while searching for a work-release absconder. The suspect later committed suicide. Barta, at the age of 29, left two young children and an expectant wife.

### **Police Officer William F. Holbert, Jr.**

Appointed: February 27, 1970; Died: July 17, 1972

Officer William Holbert was shot and killed while handling a family disturbance. The killer was wounded by other officers, was later tried, but was found not guilty by reason of insanity. Holbert, at the age of 26, left a wife and two children.

### **Police Officer George J. Weslar**

Appointed: May 2, 1928; Died: February 4, 1939

Officer George Weslar was shot and killed while investigating a family disturbance call. Weslar was off-duty at the time. His killer later committed suicide. Weslar, at the age of 48, left a wife and two children.

### **Police Officer Gerald M. Tracey**

Appointed: May 10, 1923; Died: December 23, 1928

Officer Gerald Tracey died as a result of a motorcycle accident. Tracey was in pursuit of a traffic violator at the time. Tracey, at the age of 28, left a young widow.

### **Police Officer Clarence W. Moran**

Appointed: March 20, 1922; Died: November 30, 1922

Officer Clarence Moran was shot in the back and killed while walking his beat. A suspect was arrested but never convicted. Moran, at the age of 28, left a young widow.

### **Police Officer William F. McDonald**

Appointed: November 15, 1915; Died: November 30, 1920

Officer William McDonald was shot and killed while preparing to question a robbery suspect. The 21-year old killer was later sentenced to life in prison. McDonald, at the age of 35, left a wife and a 1-year-old son.

### **Police Officer Alex Horvatt**

Appointed: May 19, 1912; Died: July 29, 1917

Officer Alex Horvatt, while walking his beat, came into contact with an electrically charged light pole and was electrocuted. Horvatt, at the age of 29, left a wife and a 1-year-old daughter





## **Employment Opportunities**

The City of Binghamton Police Department is a professional law enforcement organization dedicated to providing the finest police service to the residents of the City of Binghamton. The Department is always looking for honest, dedicated people with the highest integrity to join the force.

The City of Binghamton is an equal opportunity employer. Employment as a police officer is governed by the Binghamton Civil Service Commission. A competitive civil service examination is held periodically and appointments are made from a list compiled as a result of this examination.

Refer to the [Employment](#) page on this web-site for job openings and examination dates and at the [Personnel/Civil Service](#) page for civil service information.

Questions as to qualifications and date of examination may be directed to:

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